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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8899

WHITE HOUSE PRIORITY

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT RE: ACCIDENT IN DOMINICA RESULTING  
IN 28 LOSS OF LIVES

WHITE HOUSE FOR ATTN: STANLEY S. SCOTT  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

1. AMBASSADOR, WHO NOW VISITING DOMINICA, HAD MADE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT REGARDING ACCIDENT ON THAT ISLAND YESTERDAY WHICH COST  
28 LIVES:

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE SADDENED BY THE TRAGIC LOSS OF 28 LIVES  
AND THE CRITICAL INJURIES SUFFERED BY 12 VICTIMS IN THE UNFORTU-  
NATE ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE MON PROSPER SECTION OF THE  
STATE OF DOMINICA HERE IN THE WEST INDIES LAST NIGHT (MAY 21) AT  
ABOUT 8 P.M. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED WHILE THE VICTIMS WERE ON  
THEIR WAY TO ATTEND A RELIGIOUS GATHERING.

"WHILE WE MOURN THE LOSS, WE ARE EQUALLY -- INDEED MORE -- CON-  
CERNED WITH THE WELL BEING OF THOSE WHO WERE ORPHANED AND WIDOWED  
BY ITS OCCURRENCE. NINE MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY AND SIX MEMBERS OF  
ANOTHER WERE KILLED, WHILE IN ONE FAMILY ALONE 10 YOUNG CHILDREN  
ARE TODAY ORPHANED.

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"I KNOW THAT I, AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, AND U.S. SPECIAL REPRE-

SENTATIVE TO THE STATE OF DOMINICA SPEAK FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS FOR MY FAMILY AND AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF IN EXPRESSING OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF DOMINICA AND THE BEREAVED FAMILIES AFFECTED.

"LASTLY, WHEREVER AMERICANS MAY HEAR MY VOICE OR KNOW OF THIS TRAGEDY, I CALL UPON YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS OR TO THE DOMINICA RED CROSS, TO ASSIST THE UNFORTUNATE SURVIVORS OF THIS TRAGIC ACCIDENT."

2. AMBASSADOR PHONED STATEMENT IN AND ASKED THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE AND THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES EFFECT APPROPRIATE DISSEMINATION.

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